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News worth sharing.

Pot. Protest

▶ An unidentified young woman smokes pot on the grounds of the Manitoba legislature Wednesday as part of the annual 4/20 event.

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Smoking in support of Cannabis

About 2,500 people turned out at the 4/20 event — and were watched at a distance by a contingent of Winnipeg police officers. The WPS helicopter also circled above.

Politicians go viral thanks to local men

'Pegger's website generates 700,000 views since Monday Expected to hit a million views by this morning

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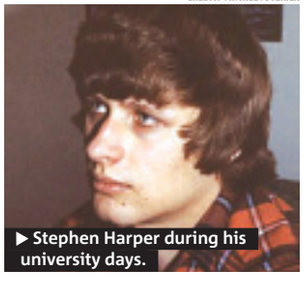

▶ Stephen Harper during his university days.

Bet Stephen Harper never thought a photo of himself in his university days would go viral.

Thanks to a new website, vintagevoter.ca, photos of Harper and the other national party leaders in their "glory" days are all over the Internet, Twitter and Facebook.

The site, which has published 10 photos of Harper, Elizabeth May, Michael Ignatieff, Jack Layton and Gilles Duceppe in their younger days, was created by Winnipegger David Leibl, 31, and two of his friends.

"Certainly, we never expected it to be this popular," said Leibl.

Leibl said the response has been overwhelming, and vintagevoter.ca has been a trending topic on Twitter since its launch on Monday.

Leibl calls the site a satirical look at national politics, and he hopes the site will encourage people to become more engaged in the political process.

"I won't suggest that looking at the site translates into a vote at the box, but it's my hope ... that people will become more engaged and aware of Canadian politics."

Leibl said he has had responses from at least one political party and he's hoping other camps will submit photos of their leaders in their younger days.

"We're, as you say, equal in who we make fun of," said Leibl.

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Come clean and do rite by spring

Cleanup will cover downtown from Higgins on Main Street south to Assiniboine Avenue

THE DOWNTOWN BIZ

▶ Dim Donnelly, left, and Brian Tait are members of the Metro Enviro-Team. The team will be participating in the cleanup, and everyone is welcome to help out.

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The Downtown BIZ will be holding their annual Earth Day downtown cleanup blitz Thursday — one day before actual Earth Day, which falls on Good Friday this year.

Sunshine and melting snows have revealed a winter's worth of grimey trash, and it's time to clean up during this annual rite of spring, said Downtown BIZ's Stefano Grande.

"I think it's safe to say Winnipeggers are more than ready to welcome spring," said Grande.

The Metro Enviro-Team will lead the event, which will involve hundreds of people picking up litter throughout the day. The event is supported not only by the BIZ and the local community, but by Take Pride Winnipeg! as well.

People and groups interested in helping can head down to one of three locations at various times during the day. Those who participate will be rewarded with coffee and donuts from Tim Hortons, a t-shirt and cleaning supplies, and the day will wind up with food and prizes.

Where to go:

- **9 a.m.:** Thunderbird House, 715 Main Street
- **2 p.m.:** Air Canada Park, 355 Portage Avenue
- **2 p.m.:** 360 Broadway (near Subway)

CAA taking batteries, tires, oil on Earth Day

CAA Manitoba has expanded its Earth Day battery recycling program to include old vehicle tires and used motor oil. Drop off depots include 870 Empress St., 2211 McPhillips St. and 501 St. Anne's Rd. METRO

25,000
The number of batteries diverted from landfills since CAA's program began in 1999.

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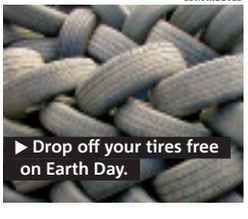

▶ Drop off your tires free on Earth Day.

News in brief

Speech bubbles

FUNDRAISER. Kildonan Place has a unique project on display: students in the River East-Transcona School Division have interpreted a word on a thought bubble. There are more than 1,500 speech bubbles, or "words of art" now hanging from the shopping centre ceiling.

The centre is encouraging people to donate $5 to Raise-A-Reader, and create a bubble of their own. ELISHA DACEY

Halfway there

LOCAL CHARITIES . The Winnipeg Foundation raised more than $225,000 halfway into its 90-Hour Giving Challenge that started Monday at 6 a.m. METRO

Two rivers expected to crest on same day

Elections Canada tells media they will move any polling sites that become threatened by flooding

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It's now "highly probable" that the Red and Assiniboine rivers will crest at the same time.

Steve Topping, executive director for Manitoba Water Stewardship, said at a press conference Wednesday crests for both rivers will likely happen May 2.

Weary folks in Melita, Man., continue to dike as water levels surge past what was forecasted.

Grant Hume, manager of the emergency operations centre, told media there is seepage at a dike along the highway.

Hume added they were told by provincial flood forecasters for weeks the water levels along the Souris River would be at a certain level, only to see those levels rise.

Topping said the Souris River has crested and is not expected to rise further unless there is more precipitation.

However, Environment Canada called for rain showers Wednesday night, and more showers for Thursday afternoon for the Melita area.

Residents and patients from a health-care facility in Gladstone, Man., have been returned to the facility.

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▶ Water completely surrounds the Melita Motel on Monday, one of the only hotels in the town. As of Wednesday, the hotel was completely flooded.

School pays $130K repair bill for want of $3 part

A city school division spent more than $130,000 to clean up and fix classrooms flooded after a freak rainstorm — and division officials claim a part costing only a few bucks could have prevented the damage.

Five classrooms and other areas of Elwick Community School on Maberley Road were drenched after a torrential downpour dumped 110 millimetres of rain on Winnipeg on the weekend of May 28-29, 2010.

School officials with the Seven Oaks School division believe a problem with the pipe joint in the roof led to the flooding.

Officials inspecting the damage concluded the flooding may have been avoided if a small bracket to secure a drain pipe to the ceiling had been installed.

"Based on my experience, I felt there should have been a metal pipe hanger installed ... to support the weight of the pipes," Clifford Meder, the divison's director of operations stated in court documents.

JAMES TURNER/METRO

▶ Elwick Community School

A typical pipe hanger costs about $3.

The division is now asking for a judge to allow them to sue a local roofing contractor who worked on the roof in 1996.

The division needs permission to file a claim because the work was done so long ago.

"It often can be a small thing that can come back to cause major problems."

BRIAN O'LEARY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

The matter comes before a judge on May 25.

Division Supt. Brian O'Leary described the incident as an insurance matter.

JAMES TURNER

Crash claims woman's life

Police say they're unsure why a van being driven by a 66-year-old man Wednesday morning suddenly swerved and hit a pole on Pembina Highway, killing an elderly woman.

Traffic was re-routed on Pembina Highway for the morning as police investigated the fatal crash, which happened around 1:30 a.m. Police said the van was travelling southbound on Pembina Highway when it veered off the roadway and hit the pole, coming to a stop in front of a gas station in the 500 block. Winnipeg police said there were four people in the brown Toyota Sienna. Three were taken to hospital in stable condition.

ELISHA DACEY

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▶ Police investigate the crash on Pembina Highway.

Beer comes first

Manitobans love their beer.

Sales of alcohol went up 4.6 per cent from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, Statistics Canada reported Wednesday.

Manitobans spent $641 million on alcohol during that time frame, with $284.7 million of that spent on beer, and the rest spent on wine and spirits.

Nationally, Canadians spent nearly $20 billion on alcohol that year.

ELISHA DACEY

Fire. At Safeway

▶ A Safeway store at Jefferson Avenue and McPhillips Street was briefly evacuated Wednesday after a small fire broke out on the roof. Firefighters got the accidental blaze under control quickly and damage was estimated at $2,500.

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Small fire causes $2,500 damage

Mall tries to remove candidate for canvassing

Confusion over changes to the Election Act prompted a Winnipeg shopping mall to try to turf a campaigning candidate.

Winnipeg South Centre candidate Joyce Bateman was campaigning at Garden City Shopping Centre on Saturday before she was approached by security and asked to leave.

Bateman refused, prompting the mall to call police.

"We have every right to enter public spaces to campaign thanks to changes to the Elections Act," said a woman who answered the phone at Bateman's campaign office Tuesday.

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▶ Joyce Bateman

Police also refused to remove Bateman from the mall.

In 2007, the federal government made changes to the Elections Act that allows campaigning in privately owned public spaces, so long as they campaign during operation hours and don't harass customers.

Grant Park Shopping Centre acting general manager Kathleen Girardeau said the incident was a misunderstanding.

"We do have policies about outside canvassers but there are exceptions," said Girardeau, adding staff has been briefed on the rules and she would be calling Bateman to apologize.

ELISHA DACEY

Guilty plea in father's death

Man who bludgeoned, dismembered dad not identified because of his age at the time Faces youth sentence

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A young Winnipeg man accused of killing his father, chopping up his corpse and dumping the body parts in a wooded area north of the city has admitted responsibility.

The man, 18, pleaded guilty to a charge of first-degree murder at a hearing at the Manitoba Youth Centre on Wednesday. He was arrested when he was 17, so he cannot be identified.

Police said the man fought with his father on June 25, 2009, beat him with a hammer and stabbed him with a knife inside a Charleswood home.

He then lived in the home and went about his normal life for days until deciding to cut up the body and transport it in garbage bags to a secluded area three hours north of Winnipeg.

Investigators have never publicly revealed how they learned of the homicide. Police said the man and his father lived alone.

Judge Janice leMaistre ordered a psychological report be written up before sentencing.

Mother who suffocated daughter at women's shelter gets 12 years in jail

A Manitoba woman who, as a child, witnessed her mother kill her father, was sentenced to 12 years behind bars Wednesday for suffocating her own daughter while they were staying a Winnipeg women's shelter.

Nicole Redhead had already pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of 20-month-old Jaylene, who had been in the care of the province and returned to Redhead shortly before she was killed.

Those who loved the toddler say they are still haunted by her violent death and wonder why nothing was done to prevent it.

"God gave us these kids to look after, not to destroy them," said Jaylene's grandmother, Sky Sanderson, after sentencing. "Not to beat them to death, not to smother them to death. No, God gave these children to us to look after and to love and cherish them."

Autopsy results

▶ During the autopsy, medical examiners found 30 separate bruises over Jaylene's body, including some that had not yet risen to the surface. She had bruising suggesting she had been punched repeatedly in the stomach and adult bite marks on her thigh, court heard.

Court heard Redhead, 29, had her three children taken away by Child and Family Services but regained custody of Jaylene in 2009. She was in a woman's shelter that summer when she became violent with the crying two-year-old.

Redhead held her hand over her daughter's mouth until Jaylene stopped breathing and then put her back in her crib. She later talked to her boyfriend — who was in jail — over the phone and told him what had happened. He called the shelter but by the time they found the girl and started CPR, it was too late.

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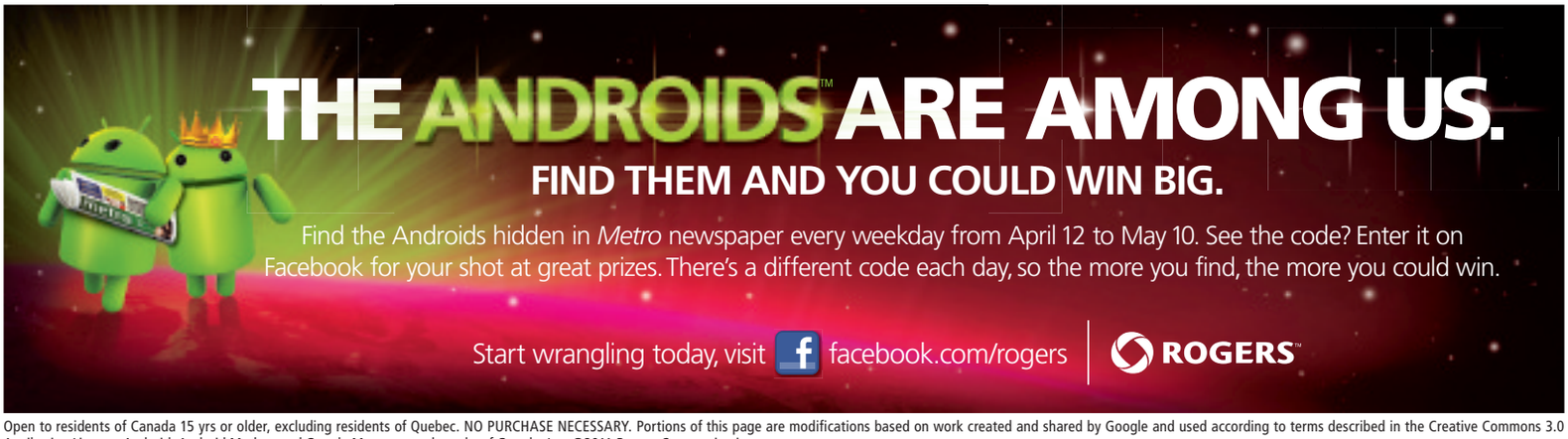
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Iggy winning more hearts

Liberal leader tied with PM in popularity stakes

Nuts and bolts

- **The trend:** The survey suggests Michael Ignatieff has seen his popularity spike recently while Stephen Harper's has fallen.
- **The figures:** Ignatieff was viewed favourably by 42 per cent of respondents and negatively by 50 per cent. Harper was viewed favourably by 43 per cent and unfavourably by 52 per cent.
- **The statistics:** The poll of 1,000 Canadians, conducted between April 14 and April 17, is considered accurate to within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Election 2011

A new poll suggests Michael Ignatieff has made significant gains in personal popularity and is now tied with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggests the Liberal leader has regained the ratings he held in 2009.

However, Jack Layton, leader of the popularity contest, was viewed favourably by 68 per cent of respondents — and unfavourably by 26 per cent.

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▶ Gaining popularity: Michael Ignatieff and wife Zsuzsanna Zsohar board their campaign plane in Toronto on Wednesday.

Strategic-vote fans have a strategy — social media

The strategic-vote advocates are at it again.

They're armed with social media and intriguing, interactive websites.

As is often the custom mid-way through election campaigns, some who cringe at the thought of the incumbent party winning are trying to pool votes to sway the results.

It has never worked on a large scale in Canada and its detractors warn that strategic voting could actually do more harm than good.

Nonetheless, the advocates say strategic voting can indeed work in some elections and their anti-Conservative campaigns are gaining momentum.

Project Democracy says it has registered 900,000 page views since it launched its website a week ago.

Gary Shaul's group, Catch 22, has raised $15,000 and is about to launch a low-key advertising and flyer campaign.

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Canadians find it 'a struggle' to save: Survey

Repaying debt is only going to get harder as spiking inflation drives interest rates up, experts say

Nearly one-third of Canadians don't have enough money to cover living expenses, while 38 per cent have no savings at all, says a survey from TD Bank.

And with interest rates expected to rise this summer, clearing debts probably won't get any easier.

"I think it's worrisome," said Carrie Russell, senior vice-president of retail banking at TD Canada Trust.

The online survey based on a representative sample of 1,003 adults says 30 per cent of Canadians don't have enough money to cover rent and food bills.

The respondents said their top goals were: Saving for retirement (73 per cent); paying off credit cards (72 per cent); and major purchases or vacations (53 per cent each).

Russell said 12 per cent of those surveyed couldn't save because "they shopped beyond their means." Nineteen per cent of people under the age of 35 said they spent too much on shopping, she added.

"This really comes down to the age-old question of budgeting, choices and skills required in making plans for a healthy financial future."

On the flip side, 30 per cent said they had enough money saved to cover living expenses for at least four months.

Russell recommends a cushion of three to six months of income saved to get through unexpected financial shocks.

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Busted

▶ **In Saskatchewan and** Manitoba, 33 per cent of respondents said it was "a struggle" to save, but a larger number, 37 per cent, said they had enough money saved to cover at least four months of living expenses.

Home. Brew

▶ Canadians drank 83.6 litres of beer per person in 2010, Statistics Canada reports.

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A hiccup in beer sales

Canadians drank $9.2 billion worth of beer — or 83.6 litres per person — in 2010, up 3.8 per cent from the previous year, Statistics Canada reports. But while beer remains the country's favourite alcoholic thirst-quencher, its market share has in fact declined to 46 per cent from 52 per cent a decade ago. Meanwhile, wine consumption continues to grow, with share for wine rising to 29 per cent last year from 23 per cent in 2009.

Funny money takes bank aback

A panic ensued in Harare Wednesday after an automated teller machine dished out defunct Zimbabwe dollars while it was being repaired.

Witnesses said irate bank customers thronged the Interfin bank in downtown Harare as rumours spread the old currency was back in circulation.

Zimbabwe abandoned its own currency in 2009 and adopted the U.S. dollar in an attempt to halt record inflation and end the use of huge denominations of local bills in millions, billions and trillions during the nation's decade-long economic meltdown.

The Interfin bank said Wednesday the error occurred when technicians tested the ATM with the old currency and forgot to take it out of the machine.

The bank took back the local bills and apologized.

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China surges ahead with switch to electric cars

The toylike electric cars at the Shanghai International Auto Show are a glimpse of the high-tech automotive future China's leaders are pursuing — and a harbinger of possible disputes with its trading partners.

Beijing sees electric cars as a field where it can take a global lead and use its fast-growing market as leverage to develop its own technology and global brands. But while it pushes its fledgling automakers to create their own products, it also has alarmed global producers that operate in China by pressing them to hand over know-how and limiting access to its market.

Draft investment rules issued last month would allow foreigners to own only a minority stake in Chinese manufacturers of electric car components. Next month, Beijing is due to release a 10-year industry development plan for "new energy vehicles," and automakers worry it will impose further curbs on production or imports.

Foreign manufacturers are concerned Beijing might require them to hand over valuable technology and help local partners create "indigenous brands" as the price of being allowed to sell electric cars in China.

Beijing already requires that for a foreign manufacturer to produce an electric car in China, its local joint venture must own the technology for one of the three "core components" — the battery, the motor or the power-management system.

Developing powerful but safe batteries has been a key challenge for Chinese automakers. Batteries in Chinese cars have exploded more than 10 times during development.

China passed the United States in 2009 in number of vehicles sold annually and foreign producers are looking to China to drive sales, putting them under pressure to co-operate.

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▶ Presenters put an electric moped into the back of Geely's "McCar" at the Shanghai International Auto Show. The concept car and others like it could bring trade troubles.

Loonie continues to fly high

The Canadian dollar was positive Wednesday against a much weaker U.S. currency as it benefited from its status as a safe haven. The loonie was off early highs, up 0.4 of a cent to 104.9 cents US after hitting 105.29 cents US, its highest level since November 2007.

The weakening of the greenback came two days after Standard & Poor's said the U.S.'s credit rating had a one-in-three chance of being downgraded given the state of public finances and worries that policy-makers won't be able to come up with a deficit reduction plan.

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China Telecom expands

China Telecom Ltd. is upgrading its presence in Canada, making its Markham, Ont., office into a full-fledged subsidiary to serve multinational companies and international telecom carriers.

Donald Tan, president of China Telecom Americas, said the company has had an office in Canada for more than five years but demand for communication links with China and the Asia-Pacific region has increased.

The group's parent company, China Telecom, has the world's largest fixed-line telecommunications network. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft	Gold contracts
+ 160.65 (13,897.48)	+ 0.35¢ (104.9¢ US)	+ $3.17 US ($111.45 US)	$4.306 US (+ 4.4¢ US)	$1,498.90 US (+ $10.30 US)

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

WHAT WILL THE PUNDITS SAY?

Whether you're new to the country, new to voting, or just an ignouramous (note the Canadian spelling), you may be confused by some of the lingo you've been hearing since the "writ" was "dropped" in our "democracy." If that sounds like you, then here's a special glossary to bring you meaning as you decide who is the lesser of five evils.

CANADA VOTES 2011 GLOSSARY

Advance poll: A place where Canadians who are unable to cast ballots on voting day exercise their right to avoid voting in advance.

Coalition: Traditionally a temporary alliance of political parties used to form a government when no single party can do so. More recently understood to be the worst, most reckless, most despicable action a party can take short of mailing people flesh-eating disease.

Democracy: A form of government designed to give the maximum number of people in society the impression that what they think matters. In Canada, usually accompanied by a question mark. (Google it and see.)

Gerrymander: To divide electoral ridings in a way that favours one party over another; for example, if the Conservative government created a riding that included only affluent suburbs, or if Elizabeth May created a riding that included only her house.

Husting: Any place where a candidate meets voters; originally contained an L.

Independent: A candidate so true to his or her own ideals and personal vision for Canada that he or she has no chance of winning.

Poll: A survey that indicates the voting intentions of people who still have landlines and are so lonely that they're just happy to have someone to talk to, 19 times out of 20.

Pundit: A political commentator who forms opinions by commenting on the opinions of other pundits. The identity of The Original Pundit is a closely guarded secret.

Green party: The Glossary Consortium has ruled that the Green party will not get its own definition until it has a seat in the House of Commons.

Bloc Québécois: A political party that blames the federal government for everything bad and takes credit for everything good, making it the party that most closely resembles the average Canadian.

New Democratic Party: The political party that will hold the balance of power in the House of Commons for the foreseeable future through the power of fourth-place finishes.

Grits: (slang) Southern corn-based food or the Liberal Party of Canada; traditionally goes with pork.

Conservative party: (Definition redacted).

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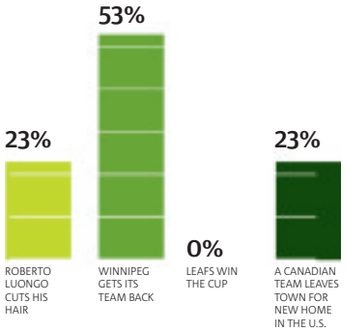

Local tweets

- **@alyson shane:** Girls in jean short-shorts: it's not THAT warm outside #winnipeg
- **@blateration:** Someone in my class just said Winnipeg ... That's in CANADA! :D
- **@TheRielSusan:** i think that from now on rather than saying that i 'tweet' i will say that i 'twitter-pate' and if i tweet you, you will be twitter-pated :)
- **@AtomicFireEat:** #winnipeg #420 I hope you guys pick up your cigarette butts n trash before you leave the leg grounds ... this aint your gmas coffee table
- **@AshesToAsh:** Whenever I think of 529 Wellington, I imagine the time my friend barfed in the parking lot. #Winnipeg #restaurants
- **@WinnipegHarvest:** Staple items on the Top 10 list at Winnipeg Harvest include Canned Spaghetti Sauce and Canned Soup. We're at 1085 Winnipeg Avenue.
- **@greggarreck:** Keep hearing this "if team moves back to Winnipeg, they won't be called the Jets" thing. How stupid would that be!?

Worth mentioning

TORONTO. Children's entertainer and activist Raffi is urging "Beluga grads" to vote in the federal election.

The beloved singer-songwriter, author and founder of the Centre for Child Honouring makes the plea in a new video posted on YouTube.

In the piece, entitled Raffi 4 Canada, the 62-year-old tells "Beluga grads" that if they're really passionate about Canada like he is, they will want to vote May 2.

He also outlines his hopes for the future of the country, saying he thinks Canada needs to strengthen its democratic traditions and enhance them.

Raffi closes out the video by singing a new election-themed verse to his hit 1980 children's tune, Baby Beluga.

"Now you've grown and you're on your way, making waves in the boundless bay, with your shining light and your dreams alive, for the young you'll have one day," he croons.

"Grown up Beluga, grown up Beluga, come and rock the vote, please get out and vote, we need to hear you."

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Cartoon by Michael De Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Get cracking to eggs-traordinary tree in Germany

Volker Kraft's apple sapling sported just 18 eggs when he first decorated it for Easter in 1965. Decades later, the sturdy tree is festooned with 9,800 eggs, artfully decorated with everything from sequins to seashells.

Decking trees with hollowed-out, painted eggs for Easter is popular in Germany, but the 75-year-old retiree's annual creation has become something special in Saalfeld. Last year, it drew more than 13,000 visitors.

▶ Volker Kraft's tree

Kraft needs two weeks and countless trips up and down his ladder to hang the eggs and the task has become a little heavier each year since he began the decorations in 1965.

Kraft plans to add another 200 eggs next year, bringing his total to 10,000 — and then stop, if only because he is running out of room to store the mountain of boxes.

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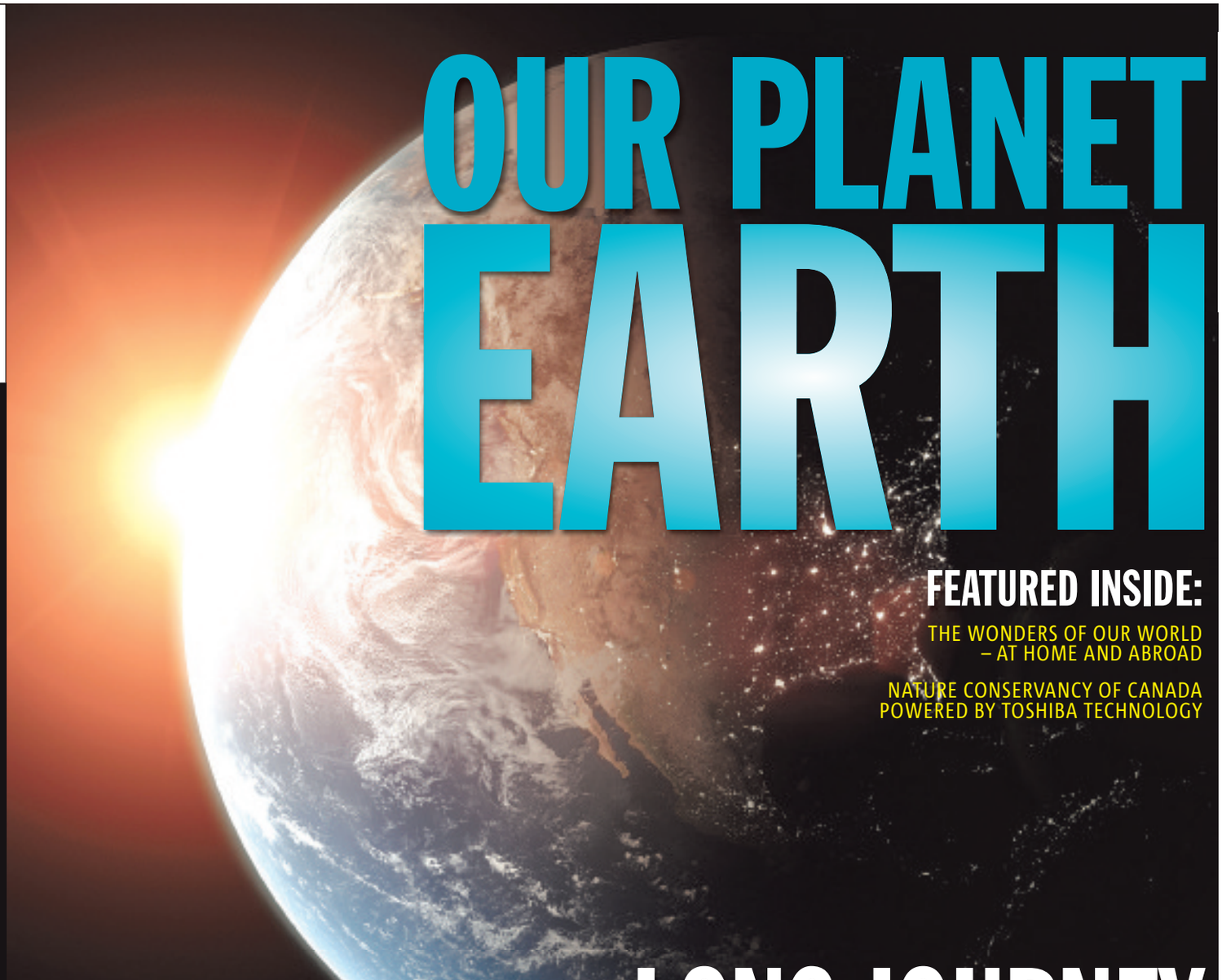

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THE WONDERS OF OUR WORLD – AT HOME AND ABROAD

NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA POWERED BY TOSHIBA TECHNOLOGY

THE FIRST STEP IN A LONG JOURNEY

Earth Hour began this year where it always begins — on the east coast of Australia. For the next 24 hours it moved steadily through time zones around the world as millions of people switched off their lights, appliances and television sets for one symbolic hour. Around the world familiar landmarks faded to dark — Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, the Brandenburg Gate, the Parthenon, Forbidden City and Mount Rushmore. In the Philippines a few television stations even halted their broadcasts. Organizers are still tallying the numbers, but Earth Hour 2010 was already counted as the biggest on record, with more than a billion people taking part.

Jed Goldberg admits that events like Earth Hour don't really benefit the environment in any appreciable way, but he says they are powerful symbols nevertheless. Goldberg is the president of Earth Day Canada, an organization that coordinates Earth Day events, promotes year-round programs and educates Canadians on environmental issues. "The fact that so many millions of people around the world take part in these events shows that there is an environmental consciousness out there that didn't exist 20 years ago," he says. "It's very encouraging."

In fact you have to go back 40 years to truly gauge the progress of the environmental movement. The first Earth Day took place in the United States in 1970, in the era of the Kent State Massacre and campus sit-ins. Environmentalists like Rachael Carson, Jacques Cousteau and Jane Goodall were starting to become household names, while an iconic photograph of a fragile planet Earth on a background of black nothingness — an image taken by Apollo astronauts on the way to the moon — captured humanity's imagination. "Earth Day was supposed to be a one-day wonder," says Goldberg. "Another excuse for a college sit-in. But it touched a nerve, and 20 million Americans took part."

That's a small number, in retrospect. Last year 90 million Americans switched off their lights for Earth Hour, and many more millions took part in Earth Day and Earth Month activities around the world. But is the movement really having an appreciable affect on the environment? Goldberg says yes. "Today environmental awareness is part of our culture here in Canada," he says. "It's part of our daily routine. Twenty years ago a lot of people didn't even know what composting was. Nowadays a lot of urban Canadians have composters in their back yards. Recycling programs are ubiquitous and there's a real awareness of things like organic food and energy saving."

In fact, studies show in just the first four years of the last decade, composting increased the amount of organic waste diverted from Canadian landfills by 70 percent. Recycling has also increased by nearly 10 percent since 2006, decreasing the amount of waste coming from Canadian households by about 4 percent. But carbon emissions in Canada are increasing faster than the population, and recent events like the nuclear reactor crisis in Japan and last year's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico point to the fact that much more needs to be done. "We've just scratched the surface," says Goldberg. "Shifting our environmental sensibilities is just the first step, but it's an important step."

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TOSHIBA'S GREEN MACHINES

Pelee Island

TOSHIBA OF CANADA

Toshiba Canada's support for the new Land Information System includes laptop computers, adapted for multiple uses, both in-field and in-office

IT'S A CHANGING WORLD. THOSE WHO THRIVE DIVERSIFY, AND CONSERVE THEIR RESOURCES WHERE THEY CAN.

You hear this sort of talk a lot in business, but these principles are bigger than profits and losses. They describe the state of our planet, too. Companies like Toshiba of Canada make it their business to see the connection.

For Toshiba, the merging of corporate and social responsibility goes deep; and it's getting deeper still, with the announcement of Toshiba's alliance with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC). This three-year partnership will support the two organizations' shared core belief: that conservation of the biodiversity of ecosystems is the key to environmental management.

"We believe NCC is providing a great benefit to Canadians," says Ralph Hyatt, Toshiba Canada's president and CEO. The private, non-profit group partners with corporate and individual landowners to conserve some of Canada's most precious, and imperiled, natural spaces, and the plant and animal life inhabiting them. They protect the wild, yet their methods are anything but low-tech. That's where Toshiba comes in.

Toshiba is the largest private sector supporter of NCC's Land Information System (LIS). Developed by NCC science staff, the LIS will roll out Canada-wide this year, allowing NCC to report on its achievements in an integrated way, using categories such as Species, Threats, and Stewardship Actions, and ultimately helping it make the strategic decisions necessary to better protect Canadian land and species.

Over the next three years, Toshiba will support LIS with funding and mobile computing technology in the form of laptop computers, adapted for multiple uses, including training, in-office and in-field conservation work, and stewardship management. Using Toshiba technology and LIS, NCC staff will report, plan, manage and monitor properties more efficiently, resulting in better time and resources management, and better conservation overall.

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

On one side: a high-tech company with a social ethic, looking for a worthy cause. On the other: a charity helping to preserve the planet, but sorting through mountains of data. Toshiba of Canada and the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) belong together, because each offers the other what it needs.

NCC is an organization dedicated to protecting highly threatened landscapes—those vital to Canada's ecological integrity. It's an efficient organization by any measure, keeping overhead costs at 15 per cent, including administration, fundraising, and communication. However, it also requires the help of more than 200 staff and volunteers to collect, store and analyze the enormous amounts of information needed to plan its activities. To keep things running smoothly, and with Toshiba's support, NCC has developed a Land Information System (LIS).

"The LIS allows our experts to access critical information instantly, in the field or the office," explains NCC president and CEO, John Lounds. "Through our partnership with Toshiba, we can integrate powerful technology into that conservation work." And the arrangement does more than save time for NCC staffers; it will also improve conservation outcomes and strengthen NCC's bonds with outside partners, like landowners.

"Toshiba's contribution allows us to better share information that impacts our conservation efforts," says Lynn Gran, NCC's vice-president, strategic philanthropy, and CDO. "That's how you create true win-win outcomes. With Toshiba's support, we're building a system that helps us conserve more landscapes, protect more species, and create a natural legacy for generations of Canadians."

With Earth Day on the way, NCC and Toshiba expect conservation to be top-of-mind for many more Canadians. Those ready to help protect habitats and species can learn how at www.natureconservancy.ca/forcefornature.

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ENERGY STAR HONOURS TOSHIBA CANADA

Conservation is its own reward, but a little recognition never hurts, either. Toshiba Canada is proud to be named 'Recruit of the Year' at the 2010 Energy Star Market Transformation Awards, acknowledging the company's efforts to market energy efficient products to Canadians.

Today, all of Toshiba's notebooks and LED TVs bear the Energy Star symbol, meaning they reduce energy consumption and costs by 10 to 65 percent over conventional models. Toshiba continues to use the symbol extensively on packaging of qualified products and has developed environmental specification sheets to better educate consumers about them.

The awards are presented annually by the Government of Canada.

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The Galapagos Islands were integral to the science of natural history and are one of the the premier ecotourism destinations on the planet.

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ECOTOURISM ADVENTURES

UNIQUE DESTINATIONS OFFER LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES

Danny Gilfoy and Michael Waugh were just trying to escape a bleak Nova Scotia winter when they headed for Costa Rica this past February. They ended up escaping the confines of human civilization for two incredible weeks. Costa Rica was a magical place full of natural wonders that the two Halifax natives had never seen before. They hired guides to take them through mangrove swamps teaming with crocodiles, visited beaches where leatherback turtle conservation projects were underway and a rehabilitation centre that returned injured howler monkeys to the wild. They tried their hand at white water rafting and canyoning and rode long zip lines through rainforest canopies. In the quiet evenings they thrilled to the sloths and coatimundis that crept curiously close their rented cabin.

When nothing else was planned, Gilfoy and Waugh hiked the trails that honeycombed through the rain forests and cloud forests near their accommodations — well marked and maintained to keep hikers from trampling the delicate ecosystem and a safe distance away from venomous snakes and insects. "If you have a good guide with you, they will spot things that you wouldn't notice," says Gilfoy. "They'll explain a lot about the ecology of the place that you would otherwise miss."

Gilfoy and Waugh are part of a new travel mindset, says Bruce Poon Tip, founder of the Toronto-based adventure travel company Gap Adventures. They are eco-tourists. "Eco-tourists are individuals who want to learn something on their holiday and experience a new culture," he says. "They want a little more than a week on the beach or a boring coach tour."

Poon Tip started Gap Adventures in 1990 as an alternative for traditional forms of travel like cruise ships, resorts and coach tours. Today his company offers more than 1,300 trips to over 100 countries — many to exotic destinations like the Galapagos Islands, Antarctica or Tibet – places with wildlife or spiritual highlights that often create life-changing experiences for his clients. "I believed travel, more specifically innovative travel experiences, was a powerful force that could facilitate change, and ultimately change people's lives."

Gilfoy says the Costa Rica experience was definitely a life-changer, and he recommends that anyone who wants to get the most out of an ecotourism adventure should hire a reputable travel company to handle the details. "The company that we used picked us up at the airport and drove us back. For two weeks they arranged everything, based on what we told them we wanted to do. We didn't have to worry about a thing."

It is still a vacation, after all.

A Gap Adventures tour group celebrates their arrival at the top of the world in Tibet.

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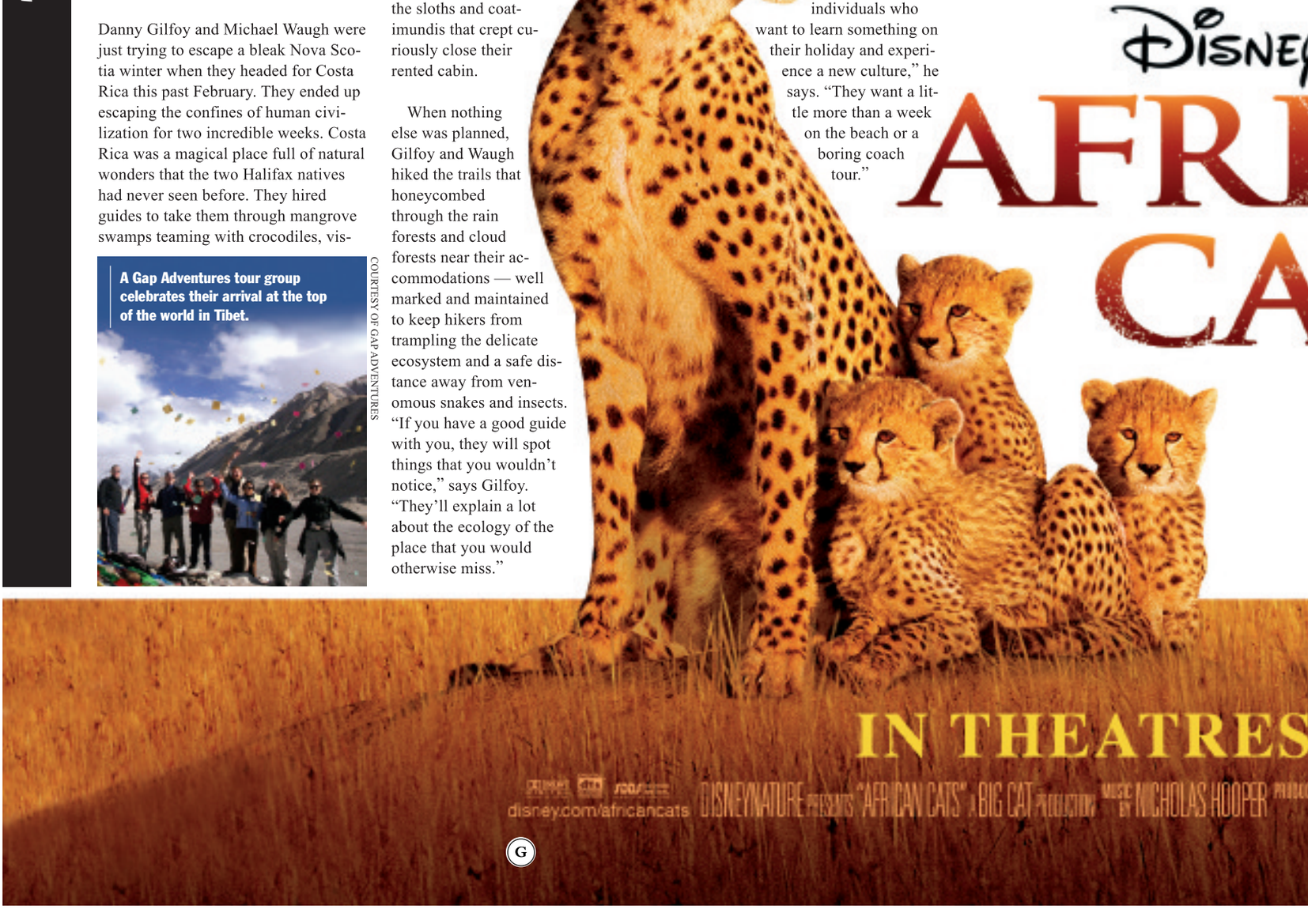

CANADIAN NATURAL WONDERS

The Bay of Fundy between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is a Mecca for sea kayakers, rockhounds, whale watchers and outdoor lovers.

COURTESY OF NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

The Haliburton Forest Tour is one of the most unique hiking experiences in a country awash with great hiking trails. The four-hour guided hike starts along the bank of a scenic river near the Ontario town of Haliburton, then ascends 20 meters into the top of the forest canopy via a suspended boardwalk. It's an aspect of the Canadian forest that most Ontarians have never seen, despite the fact that the Haliburton Forest lies just a few hours drive from cities like Toronto, Ottawa and London.

Mount Assiniboine is one of British Columbia's nearly 400 provincial parks.

COURTESY OF TOURISM BRITISH COLUMBIA

It's a fact that many Canadian city dwellers seem unaware of. No matter where you live in this country, it's possible to spend the day immersed in the natural world and still be home in time for dinner.

The natural drama is everywhere. In Nova Scotia every September millions of plovers and sandpipers gather along a thin strip of beach in the Bay of Fundy, blanketing the mud flats and gorging themselves on shrimp, preparing for a nonstop migratory flight to South America. At the Saguenay-Saint-Laurent Marine Park where the Saguenay River meets the Saint Lawrence, 13 species of whales can be seen in one place as they feed in the rich waters. At Point Pelee National Park in the southern tip of Ontario, keen observers can spot almost 400 species of birds and a variety of plants that aren't found anywhere else in Canada.

Western city dwellers are even closer to nature. Winnipeg sits at the edge of three major Canadian ecosystems — the tallgrass prairie to the west and south, the Canadian shield to the east and the interlake region to the north. In Calgary and Edmonton, an hour's drive west puts day trip adventurers into the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The same distance east opens up the harsh, beautiful world of the badlands. And British Columbia, with five spectacular national parks and nearly 400 provincial parks, is one of the great ecotourism destinations on the planet.

Taken together it represents a lifetime of exploring for Canadian urbanites. One day trip at a time.

-Tom Mason

CANADIAN ECOTOURISM DESTINATIONS WITHIN EASY REACH

BAY OF FUNDY: Currently on the short list of choices for the "seven wonders of the natural world" the Bay of Fundy between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is a mecca for whale and bird watchers, fossil hunters, kayakers and photographers.

ALGONQUIN PARK: The oldest provincial park in Canada is also one of the country's finest. Within easy reach from Ottawa, Algonquin Park is a chance to see big game wildlife in its natural state, and follow in the footsteps of the Group of Seven.

CAP TOURMENTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA: Just a short drive north of Quebec City in Quebec's spectacular Charlevoix region, Cap Tourmente is a major snow goose migration stopover and an internationally recognized tidal marsh wetland.

MANTARIO TRAIL: Located about 150 kilometers east of Winnipeg, the 63-kilometer-long Mantario Trail in Whiteshell Provincial Park is not for the ill-prepared, but it's a good place to experience the natural wonders along the edge of the Canadian shield.

MALIGNE CANYON: One of the most dramatic hikes in Alberta's Jasper National Park, Maligne Canyon is a deep canyon complete with waterfalls, glacier carved caverns and spectacular gorges.

JOHNSTON CANYON: An easy drive from Calgary, Johnston Canyon in Banff National Park offers hikers a chance to see as many as seven waterfalls, depending on how much energy they want to exert.

SEA KAYAKING IN HOWE SOUND: With practically a lifetime of natural getaways within easy reach of downtown Vancouver, it's hard to know where to start. A guided sea kayaking tour of Howe Sound is one option — complete with epic mountain scenery, seabirds and possible orca sightings. A number of local outfitters offer rentals, instructions and qualified guides for novice paddlers.

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HANDOUT

▶ Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family opens on Friday.

Spike fires up Perry

Director Tyler Perry has had enough of fellow African-Americans, especially Spike Lee, attacking him for his films Madea is back in Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family

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Tyler Perry has something he'd like to get off his chest. "Spike (Lee) can go straight to hell! You can print that," the self-made entertainment mogul says. "I am sick of him talking about me … I am sick of him talking about black people going to see movies. This is what he said: 'You vote by what you see,' as if black people don't know what they want to see."

The two filmmakers have hardly been close since Lee started lambasting Perry's work two years ago, saying that Perry's work is "troubling" and "harkens back to Amos and Andy." A war of words began between Perry and Lee, and Perry is ready to put the whole thing behind him. "Spike needs to shut the hell up," he says.

While Perry insists he tries his best to stay positive, the amount of criticism of him out there has reached such a level that he had to respond, culminating with a letter to

"Folks out there that work overtime trying to keep people from seeing my movies,"
TYRLER PERRY

fans he posted online this week warning of the "folks out there that work overtime trying to keep people from seeing my movies," including his latest, Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family, out this weekend. "I don't even understand it (but) this is where the whole Spike Lee (comment) comes from — the negativity, 'This is Stepin Fetchit, this is coon-ery, this is buffoonery,'" he says. "And they try to get people to get on this bandwagon with them, to get this mob mentality to come against what I'm doing.

"I'm tired of just laying down, tired of just being nice and letting them say whatever they want to say however they want to say it without people knowing what the intent really is," Perry says.

What surprises Perry most is how much of the criticism comes from within the black community.

"I've never seen Jewish people attack Seinfeld and say, 'This is a stereotype.' I've never seen Italian people attack The Sopranos," he says. "It's always black people, and this is something that I cannot undo … . And I'm sick of it from us. We don't have to worry about anybody else trying to destroy us and take shots because we do it to ourselves."

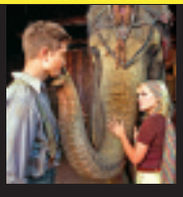
Between fending off such criticisms, running a self-made media empire, creating and touring stage shows and directing movies, you'd think Perry never got a break, but that's not the case. He's still managed to find a little time for himself.

"I hiked the Grand Canyon this weekend, so I do (take vacations). I take three days here, four days here, a week here," Perry says. "and I've got a little place down in the Bahamas. I can be there in an hour and half. I can leave my desk (in Atlanta) and be there in an hour and half, sitting there chilling out."

KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Tyler Perry has built a successful film franchise outside of the Hollywood system but has faced cricticism for the content of his movies from people such as Spike Lee.

Scene in brief



The Reel Guys discuss and review Water for Elephants, which stars Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson and opens on Friday. To read the complete story go to metronews.ca/scene.

Canada's Nicolas Roy to compete for Short Film Palme d'Or at Cannes

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African Cats a mix of fun and learning

African Cats
Genre: Documentary
Directors: Keith Scholey, Alastair Fothergill
Stars: Samuel L. Jackson
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Highlighted by the dramatic narration of Samuel L. Jackson, African Cats may be entertainment-focused, but it's still an informative documentary that looks at a pair of feline families struggling in the African Savanna. While danger lurks at every turn (from cub-snatching hyenas to river-roaming crocodile), filmmakers Keith Scholey and Alastair Fothergill accompany easy-to-digest storytelling with gorgeous images of wildlife in rare and stunning moments of natural suspense.

STEVE GOW

The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls
Genre: Documentary
Director: Leanne Pooley
Stars: Jools and Lynda Topp
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Combining archive footage and interviews, filmmaker Leanne Pooley uncovers (for Canadian audiences at least) one of New Zealand's most fascinating and enduring musical acts with The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls. Profiling a pair of rural activist lesbian singing siblings, the documentary rises above preconceived notions to tell a refreshing real life story. STEVE GOW

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Jake Hamilton, FOX-TV/Houston
"Astounding. Reese and Robert sizzle. A love story for our times."
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Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:7:40
The Green Hornet (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-9:50
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Hall Pass (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:15
I Am Number Four (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:45-7:45-10:20
Just Go With It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:20-9:50
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never - Director's Fan Cut 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:6:50-9:25
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:25-9
No Strings Attached (14A) Fri-Thu 3:10-7:10
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:40-8-10:30
Tangled (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:40-9:30
True Grit (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15
Unknown (14A) Fri-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:25
Yogi Bear (G) Fri-Thu 1:50

Cinema City Northgate 1399 McPhillips Street, 204-334-6234

The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:30-7-9:40 Tue-Thu 5:10-8
Dharti (STC) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:50-7:30-10:10 Tue-Thu 5:05-7:50
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Cinematheque 304-100 Arthur, 204-925-3457

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No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon-Tue
The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls (STC) Fri-Sat 9 Wed-Thu 9

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Hop (G) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:40-9 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:50
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Scream 4 (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:30
Water for Elephants (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10
Your Highness (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:20

Grant Park 8 Cinemas 1120 Grant Ave., 204-453-4084

African Cats (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-9:40
Hanna (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:10-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 3:50-7:10-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 3:50-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 3:50-7:10-10
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▶ Neve Campbell returns to the fold for Scream 4.

IMAX Theatre at Portage Place, Y003-393 Portage Avenue, 204-956-4629

Alaska (STC) Thu 12:10-6
Amazon (STC) Sun 6 Thu 10
Born to Be Wild 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12-5-7 Mon 10-11:15-1:30 Tue 11-1:30-7 Wed 12:15-1:30-5 Thu 1:15-2:30-7
Coral Reef Adventure (STC) Sat 6 Thu 11:10
Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean (G) Fri-Sun 1:15
Everest (STC) Fri 6
Hubble 3D (G) Tue 12:15 Wed 10
The Human Body (STC) Mon 12:15
Stormchasers (STC) Tue 6 Wed 11
Sucker Punch (14A) Fri-Sun 2:30-8:15 Mon 8 Tue 8:15 Wed 9:30 Thu 8:15

Landmark Globe Cinema 393 Portage Ave, 204-943-1583

The High Cost of Living (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:40-7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:20
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Sonic the symphony

What do video games and classical music have in common? If you ask video game composer Tommy Tallarico — a lot If you want to find out make your way to Burton Cummings Theatre this weekend

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Video Games Live goes beyond the beeps and boops, a touring concert series consisting of video game music performed by a live local orchestra with synchronized video, lighting and effects.

"I've been a video game composer for over 20 years and my whole idea with Video Games Live was I wanted to prove to the world how culturally significant and artistic video games have become," says Tommy Tallarico, 43, co-creator of VGL.

Joined by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, VGL debuted on June 6, 2005 at the Hollywood Bowl. Since then, Tallarico and Co. have toured throughout North America, England, France, Rio de Janiero, Germany, Lisbon, Japan, Taiwan and even China. With around 70 shows scheduled in 2011, VGL is a massive success, but it wasn't always on like Donkey Kong.

"Everybody thought I was completely insane when I first came up with the idea," Tallarico says. "They'd say 'young people don't go see symphonies' and 'who the heck would want to hear video game music anyways?'"

"But some symphony orchestras are looking for new material and new ways to get people to come out. At first, they're a little apprehensive, like 'What the heck is this Sonic the Hedgehog thing? This isn't Stravinsky!' But then once they play the music for the first time together in rehearsal they see that it is legitimate music."

You don't have to know your mushrooms to appreciate that. In addition to the tunes, VGL contains interactive elements, a pre-show party and a costume competition, ensuring fun for all.

"It's such an eclectic audience," Tallarico says. "You have kids dressed up like they're going to the prom, because they're excited to be at the symphony and you'll have other people in Mario t-shirts. They'll be sitting next to a grandma who is taking her grandson to the symphony for the first time and they'll be sitting next to somebody that is actually dressed up as Mario."

VGL warps into Winnipeg April 22 and April 23 at the Burton Cummings Theatre. Tickets range from $45.75 to $80.25 and are available at Ticketmaster. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively.

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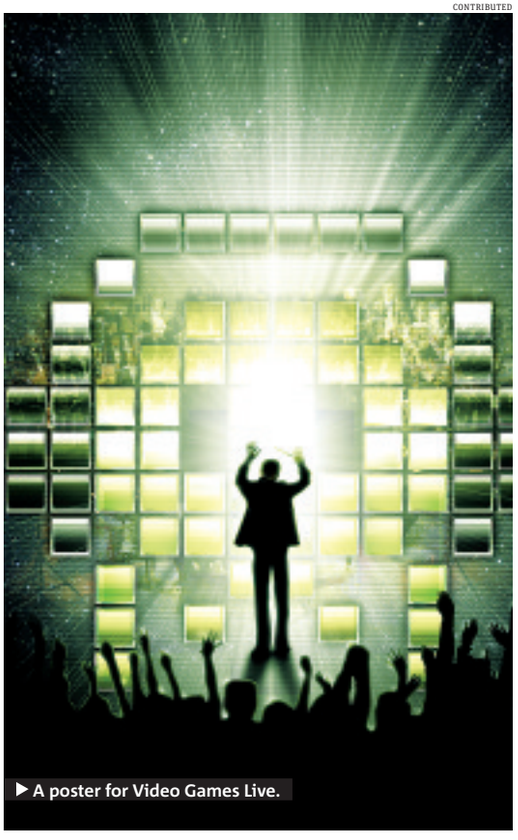

▶ A poster for Video Games Live.

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Berry dishing on her court custody battles

Actress admits her and Gabriel Aubry needed serious help to get past it

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Halle Berry is opening up about her contentious custody battle with ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry.

"It's been a year full of challenges. When there's a child involved, it's a relief when you can resolve things in a good way," Berry tells Extra.

"Our issues were never about fighting for her. We both know a child needs both her parents."

But despite both being invested in their daughter's happiness, Berry admits she and Aubry needed serious help.

"Sometimes, as a couple, you reach an impasse. We need a court and a judge to help us work out some of the delicate issues," she says.

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"Sometimes, as a couple, you reach an impasse. We need a court and a judge to help us work out some of the delicate issues"
HALLE BERRY

▶ Halle Berry

Judge keeps kids from Sheen

Despite his estranged wife, Brooke Mueller, reportedly having a drug relapse last week and entering rehab this week, Charlie Sheen did not win back custody of his twin sons, Max and Bob, according to Radar Online.

A Los Angeles judge decided to continue Mueller's primary custody of the boys, though her mother will be watching them while she completes her treatment.

Charlie Sheen has been touring North America on a speaking tour that has been met with mixed reviews.

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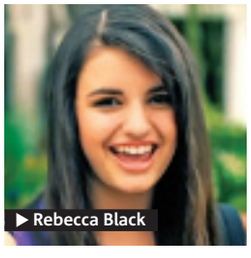
▶ Charlie Sheen


▶ Rebecca Black

Black getting death threats

Police in Anaheim, Calif., are investigating a pair of death threats made against YouTube viral video sensation Rebecca Black, known for her song Friday, according to Reuters.

"The threats were related to getting the music off the Internet."
ANAHEIM POLICE SPOKESMAN

"In essence, the threats were related to getting the music off the Internet or they were going to kill her," a police spokesman says, adding that one threat was made by phone and the other by email.

"We can't validate how serious they are." METRO

Talking points

Pitt, Jolie pay well for their nannies

NOT CHUMP CHANGE. Not surprisingly, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have some pretty steep requirements when it comes to nannies for their six children, a former applicant reveals to Popeater.

The famous couple reportedly employ a nanny for each child, and every child-minder is expected to have a college degree in education or child development and speak at least two languages, and any applicant must obviously be willing to travel. Pitt and Jolie reportedly pay their nannies between $50,000 and $150,000 a year. METRO

Timberlake going bald?

ROGAIN AD SPOT COMING. Justin Timberlake is reportedly stressing out about thinning hair, according to In Touch, with a source close to the singer saying concern about hair-loss is one of the reasons for Timberlake keeping his hair close-cropped.

"He's keeping his hair super-short so no one notices," the source says. "He's using specially formulated shampoo to promote hair growth. He certainly doesn't want to go bald."

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Glee fans will be screaming

KEEP COOL Scream 4 star Emma Roberts was reportedly spotted getting cosy with Glee heartthrob Chord Overstreet while attending the Coachella music festival recently, according to Us Weekly.

"They were making out," a source says. "They couldn't keep their hands off each other."

And while they enjoyed the festival and its various parties, the desert heat might have been a bit too much for them.

"They were talking about heading to a hotel pool," the source says.

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Celebrity tweets

@ImTracyMorgan

"Facebook asks what I'm thinking. Twitter asks what I'm doing. Foursquare asks where I am. The internet has turned into a crazy girlfriend."

@Joan_Rivers

"Trump allegedly hired detectives to find Obama's birth certificate. He could have made it a task on Celebrity Apprentice and saved money."

@emmyrossum

"Sat out by the pool for a bit and now my iphone now says it wont work because of temperature?? So, I put in in the fridge."

@howiemmandel

"Spent over 13 hours setting up a zip line in my bedroom. Then I just hit a wall"

Move boldly into sprinter

That's a term some fashion people have started using to refer to those cold weather pieces mixed in with all the summery items hitting stores right now. It sounds oxymoronic, but in the fashion world, it's perfectly logical.

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

Fur stoles for spring? Sheer skirts for the dead of winter?

These days, it all makes perfect sense, with fashion designers paying little attention to the season for which they're creating clothing.

Yes, we all still need warm coats when it's cold out and something light and airy to wear in the heat.

But in the past year, some of those old rules like, say, thou shalt only wear sandals in summer, have changed.

From a business perspective, fashion houses are finally taking a look at the timing in which their clothes hit stores and the fact that women don't necessarily want to have to wait three to four months to be able to wear their spring or winter scores.

"The fact of the matter is, the weather is still very cold in most countries by the time the spring collections hit. It's a slightly old-fashioned mentality to be so controlled by the season," Zowie Broach, one-half of the London-based design duo Boudicca says of the phenomenon some editors have taken to calling "sprinter."

She created fur-collared wool coats for her spring collection because she knew that "there are women in Russia who will buy these in March.

But even if the customer is in Las Vegas, she might want to wear that coat over a beautiful chiffon dress on a chilly night."

Prada's hugely popular spring collection featured outsize brightly colored fur stoles that at first glance seemed like an odd choice for the season, but ended up being one of the most coveted pieces of the year with shoppers snapping them up as soon as they hit stores in late February. Meanwhile, Burberry Prorsum showed quilted leather jackets that could work just as well in January as April.

A cold-weather perfect jacket from Burberry Prorsum's spring/summer collection.

"Right now, it's less about 'spring' or 'summer' and more that it's a 'new season.' When it's cold out, you want a new, great coat. It's as simple as that," Broach says.

"Women want to buy and wear things immediately. The hunter/gatherer isn't storing anymore," she adds.

Global e-commerce sites like Net-a-Porter further stoke the winds of change.

"As an international business, seasonless dressing is very relevant to us," says Holli Rogers, buying director at Net-a-Porter.

"There is nothing more frustrating than not being able to find something when you need it most. Many of the brands we stock now offer multiple collections that include pre, cruise and high summer.

"With this increased frequency of new arrivals throughout the year, we can offer more choice to our customer wherever she may be, from New York to Australia to Moscow," she adds.

▶ Anna dello Russo wearing a wintry look from the Prada spring collection right after it hit stores, in winter.

3 life

Fashion fact

China
The Far East continues to be the promised land for luxury fashion brands. Burberry Prorsum just opened a flagship store in Beijing and will be having a lavish runway show there that will be streamed live on the company's Web site on April 13.

Daily life of African cats inspired jewelery designer and film-inspired pendant

The Royal decor frenzy

Karl Lohnes offers tips for helping you decorate to celebrate Prince William and Kate's big day

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It's only one week away from the Royal wedding and the world has all eyes focused on Britain.

It's only natural that home decorating fanatics cash in and do a little royal decorating to celebrate this historical soiree.

Forget about the stodgy gold-rimmed teapots and dollar bin tea towels, here's a list of fabulous British-inspired decorating accessories that are sure to turn your house into a royal celebration of its own.

Its always nice to have a reminder of the Royal wedding. I'm not quite sure what happened to the porcelain platter of Charles and Diana I purchased at their wedding.

Most likely ended up in a yard sale many moons ago.

This time around I might buy something trendy that I'll be proud enough to display.

The Big Ben Clock from Urban Barn ($80) is 4-feet tall and would look fabulous hung on the small wall in the foyer.

Never to be late and always in style!

I'm thinking a large printed wallpaper would look great hung inside my walk-in closet for impact.

The illusion of having many crowns just might start a few royal rumours amongst those who visit.

In terms of entertaining, I'm thinking of waking up early and having a royal brunch at the house. Serving things like Cream of Earl Grey Tea from David's Tea in my new Keep Calm mugs from Keepcalmandcarryon.ca and serving up a custom English Garden Wedding ice cream cake from Baskin Robbins will add a punch of British whimsy to the occasion.

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▶ Custom Royal wedding ice cream cake from Baskin Robbins, from $29.

Am I that crazy about the Royals? I am considering painting my small den a vibrant purple and Royal Throne P5149-63 from Para Paints is on the top of my list!

Teamed with some dark brown wood furniture, a charcoal grey upholstered sofa and a funky Union Jack wall plaque from Urban Outfitters, and I'll achieve a room handsome enough to attract any Prince.

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▶ Crown and Coronet wallpaper from Graham and Brown Wallpaper, Home Depot.

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▶ Union Jack wall plaque, Urban Outfitters, $40.

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▶ Did you know that rubbing linseed oil on wooden tool handles can prevent splintering?

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Preparing the backyard for spring

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Backyard season is almost here and in anticipation of sunny skies and warm weather, DIY Network Canada's Turf War (Mondays at 9 p.m. ET/PT) has a few tips on how to get your yard in tip-top shape.

Walk the Perimeter

Spring showers have washed away the snow, but chances are they've also exposed a messy lawn.

Prior to rolling out the lawnmower, make sure to pick up any sticks, stones or other debris that has made their way into your yard.

While wearing protective gloves, pull up any dead plants or weeds in the garden to loosen the soil and make room for new sprouts. Walk around the house to assess the foundation of the house. Check for cracks and pools of water that threaten to leak into the basement.

Check and Clean

Take an inventory of your garden tools and check hoes, trowels, rakes and shovels for cracks and splintering.

Rubbing linseed oil on wooden tool handles can prevent splintering, which in turn diminishes the chance of personal injury.

Consider replacing tools that are on their last leg so that garden projects won't be interrupted by a suddenly broken tool.

Snowy winter weather also leaves grime and fungi on the surface of the patio deck.

Prior to dragging out the patio furniture, give the deck a proper wash.

Make your own cleaning formula by mixing a cup of laundry detergent with four litres of hot water.

Pour the liquid onto the patio and use a bristled brush to get out the tough stains. Rinse off the entire deck with water and allow it to dry completely.

Prune Away

Some garden plants, such as rose bushes and hydrangeas, require pruning in order to remain healthy and produce new blooms. Pruning is most successful when it's done while the blooms are still dormant.

Using pruning shears, make a clean, angled cut a quarter inch above an outward-facing bud.

Continue this technique across the entire plant. As well, cut back any dead stems. The more you prune, the more room there will be for new blooms.

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Effortless yet elegant Easter lamb

This Four-Hour Leg of Lamb is an example of the wonders you can work when you're not even in the kitchen

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Easter dinner isn't meant to be a rushed affair. And neither should the meat you serve. But it doesn't mean you have to work hard at it. This flavourful, slowly roasted leg of lamb from Sarah Raven's cookbook, Fresh From the Garden is simple but elegant.

Preparation:

1 In large reseaable plastic bag, combine wine, garlic, cumin, coriander, olive oil, salt and pepper. Mix well. Add lamb, close bag and toss to cover. Stand the bag upright in a large bowl and refrigerate for 24 to 48 hours, turning bag every few hours to coat the meat.

2 In roasting pan, arrange carrots, onions, leeks and garlic in even layer. Place lamb over vegetables, then pour marinade in bag over everything. Roast in 300 F (140 C) for 4 1/2 hours. Remove pan from oven and transfer lamb to a serving platter. Cover lamb with foil, then a layer of kitchen towels. Let rest for 30 minutes.

3 **Gravy:** Meanwhile, heat stock in saucepan over low. Use a slotted spoon to discard vegetables from the roasting pan. Let the liquid in the pan rest for several minutes, then spoon off any visible fat. Set the roasting pan over 1 or 2 burners and heat over medium, scraping the bottom with a wooden spoon to loosen any stuck bits. Sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring constantly, for another 2 minutes.

4 Slowly pour hot stock into roasting pan, stirring until it becomes a smooth gravy. Stir in port and jelly, then simmer for 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper Slice lamb and serve with the gravy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ FRESH FROM THE GARDEN BY SARAH RAVEN (UNIVERSE, 2011)**

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▶ This recipe cooks the lamb to well done. If you prefer the lamb less done, start by checking it after three hours until it reaches the desired temperature.

Ingredients:

- 1 bottle (750 mL) dry white wine
- 5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) each cumin and coriander seeds, toasted and coarsely ground
- 5 tbsp (75 mL) olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) each salt and ground black pepper
- 1 leg of lamb (about 5- to 5 1/2-lb/2.2 to 2.45 kg)
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 2 onions, chopped
- 3 leeks, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic

Gravy:

- 2 cups (500 mL) meat stock
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) flour
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) port or red wine
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) red currant jelly
- Salt and black pepper

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Miller wills Sabres to win

Miller becomes first Sabres goalie since Dominik Hasek to register two shutouts in one series ◗ Flyers lose centre Carter with possible knee injury

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▶ Ryan Miller of the Buffalo Sabres deflects a shot by James van Riemsdyk of the Philadelphia Flyers last night.

Ryan Miller made 32 saves for his second shutout of the playoffs and the Buffalo Sabres beat the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0 on Wednesday night to even the first-round playoff series 2-2.

Jason Pominville scored at 9:38 of the first period to help the Sabres rebound from two straight losses.

It was Miller's third career playoff shutout and second of the series after he stopped 35 shots in Buffalo's 1-0 victory in Game 1.

SABRES	FLYERS
1	0

Miller's best stops came in the final nine minutes. First, there was his glove save in stopping Danny Briere, who was set up alone in front. A few minutes later, Miller reached back with his stick to prevent Mike Richards from slipping a shot into an open left side.

The series shifts to Philadelphia for Game 5 on Friday night.

Flyers goalie Brian Boucher was sharp, too, in stopping 28 shots.

Boucher has allowed only four goals on 87 shots since replacing rookie Sergei Bobrovsky in the first period of Philadelphia's 5-4 victory in Game 2 on Saturday.

The only goal Boucher allowed Wednesday was through no fault of his as Pominville completed a nifty tic-tac-toe passing play in front of the net.

Tyler Ennis started it from the end boards with a blind backhand pass to Rob Niedermayer to create a 2-on-1. Niedermayer fed a pass through the crease to Pominville, who redirected it in the open right side.

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Quoted

"I was really lucky in the end ... I hope I have the chance to recover properly and play better (Thursday). I'm just happy I came through."

MILOS RAONIC, OF THORNHILL, ONT., WHO LED 6-2 IN THE FINAL SET TIEBREAKER WEDNESDAY, BUT HAD TO HOLD OFF A RALLY FROM GERMAN SIMON GREUL TO ADVANCE TO THURSDAY'S THIRD ROUND AT THE BARCELONA OPEN.

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Yankees overpower Blue Jays

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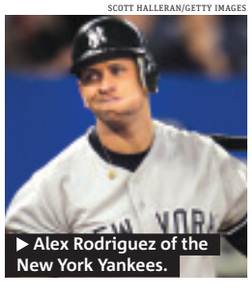

▶ Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees.

Yankees slugger Mark Teixeira had three doubles and scored a run while Bartolo Colon was steady over six-plus innings as New York defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2 on Wednesday night.

New York (10-6) scored early on Jays starter Brett Cecil, who lasted five innings with five earned runs.

YANKEES	BLUE JAYS
6	2

Colon (1-1) allowed five hits and struck out seven to help the Yankees salvage a split of the two-game series at Rogers Centre.

J.P. Arencibia hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays (8-10), who have dropped four of five games.

New York led 3-0 after two innings and scored two more in the fifth to chase Cecil (1-2), who walked four and had four strikeouts.

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▶ Jeff Halpern

Halpern set to return for Habs

Jeff Halpern was skating on the wing at the Montreal Canadiens practise Wednesday, but where they may need him most is in the faceoff circle.

The 35-year-old looks ready to return after missing the final four games of the regular season and the first three of the playoffs with an undisclosed injury.

Coach Jacques Martin, true to form, would not confirm that Halpern will dress for Game 4 Thursday night at the Bell Centre.

Montreal leads the best-of-seven series 2-1, but is coming off a 4-2 loss at home Monday night.

"It's a call we'll make (Thursday)," said Martin. "He's an experienced player who played a major role in our penalty killing. He's a smart player who brings a lot of leadership to the dressing room."

Halpern says he has fully recovered.

"I feel good, we'll see what the coaches decide," he said.

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Shaq out for Game 3

Shaquille O'Neal will miss his third straight playoff game for the Boston Celtics with a right calf injury when they meet the New York Knicks Friday night.

Coach Doc Rivers made the announcement Wednesday. He says he doesn't know if O'Neal will travel to New York but, if he does, he will probably play in Sunday's fourth game. The Celtics are up 2-0 in the series.

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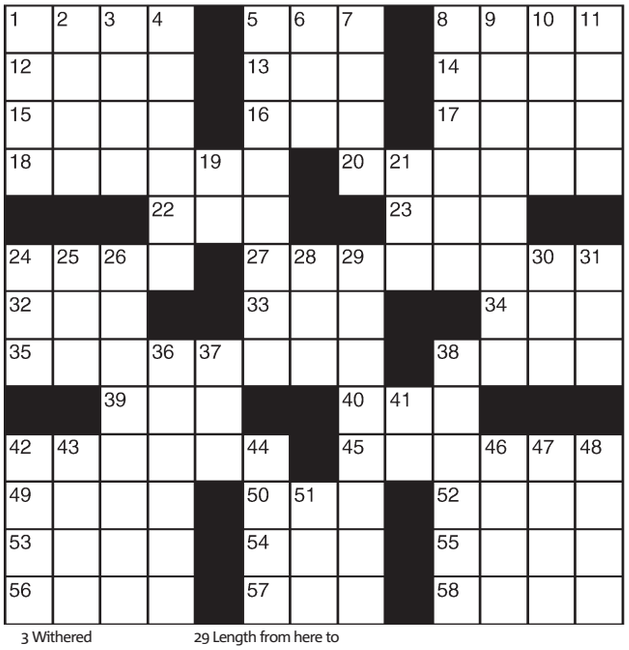

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23 Slip up
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27 Full exposure
32 "The Greatest"
33 Helgen-berger series
34 "Barney Miller" actor Jack
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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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6	7						1	9
		4	7		1	6		
	8			6			9	
		7	2		9	5		
7	1						4	3
	2	8	9		3	1	6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Olu, I want you to know how much I appreciate you, your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. You bring so much love and joy into my every day, I couldn't do this without you. My soulmate, you make my heart smile. **FROM BELLA**

LAUREN, I love you so much. Thank you for two perfect years. Will you go to prom with me? **FROM LIAM**

Little YumYum
You mean so much to me I cant even put it into words. I love you so much babe, I cant wait to see you today! Thank you for always being there. **FROM CAT**

MRP
weeks we're apart just aren't as good. being away from you turns me into a total puppy child. **FROM @LUCKYJODI**

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min -3°	Min 1°	Min 1°
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 As Venus, planet of harmony, moves into your sign, you will be more charming than usual.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 What you think is a problem isn't much of one at all. Try not to get worked up about it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Sort out your thoughts and realize that you exaggerated the importance of recent events.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You'll enjoy your work today. As such, you'll do a good job.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You don't have to take life too seriously. The purpose is to have fun.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Do you feel someone is cheating you? Most likely, it's just your fears getting the best of you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It's a great day for affairs of the heart. Put away anger. Love makes the world go 'round.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you need a break take one, no matter how much others try to persuade you not to.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A little charm will go a long way over the next 24 hours.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Forget about getting even with your enemies. Turn them into friends instead.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something you hear might make you look at certain people in a different light.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't worry about cash. You'll find ways to make ends meet.

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